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Berea Welcome Center Carvers Demonstrate Woodcarving at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, Dec. 21, three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate a variety of woodcarving styles and techniques to carve holiday ornaments and Santas from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers live in many communities in central Kentucky, and their activities include carving classes, carving demonstrations at schools, monthly Kentucky Artisan Center demonstrations and special events.

Members specialize in a wide variety of techniques and styles of carving. Carvers in the group often mentor each other, and all enjoy sharing their love of woodcarving, making their demonstrations at the Kentucky Artisan Center a mix of humor, technique and storytelling.

Woodcarving is an ancient art found in every culture and part of the world, reflecting many carving styles such as whittling, line carving, chip carving, pierced carving, relief carving, in-the-round carving (sculpture), architectural carving and chainsaw carving.

Celebrating 10 years in 2013, the center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include, "Capturing the Art of Sport: Works by Kentucky Artisans," through Feb. 22, 2014. The center lobby features an 18-foot Christmas tree decorated with sports-themed ornaments in University of Kentucky blue and University of Louisville red. For more information about events call 859-985-5448, go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Photos, left to right: A member carves an angel; a variety of Santa ornaments; Santa head by Bill Currey